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S. R. O. No. 575/2025

12th Medam, 1200.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24 and 29 of the Abkari Act, 1 of 1077, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Foreign Liquor Rules issued under notification No. SR4-1859/52/RD dated 17th January, 1953 and published in the Travancore-Cochin Gazette Extraordinary No. 2 dated 17th January, 1953, namely:—



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) These rules may be called the Foreign Liquor (4th Amendment) Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the rules.*—In the Foreign Liquor Rules,—

(1) in rule 13,—

(a) after sub-rule (4B), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:—

“(4C) *Foreign Liquor Information Technology Park Lounge Licence.*—

Licence in FORM F. L. 4C shall be issued by the Excise Commissioner under orders of Government exclusively in the Information Technology Parks on payment of an annual fee of ₹ 10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Only). The licence in this form shall be granted in the name of Developers of the Information Technology Park. The Licensees shall purchase their supplies of foreign liquor only from F.L.9 Licensees. No liquor shall be served under this licence to any person other than the staff working in the Information Technology Park therein and the official visitors/guests of the companies functioning within the Information Technology Park who shall have authorisation from the firm concerned. The licensed premises shall be a separate area situated inside the Information Technology Park premises other than any of the office space with separate entrance and exit.

Note:-(1) ‘Information Technology Parks’ in this rules means and includes Government controlled/owned Information Technology Parks such as Techno Park, Info Park, Cyber Park, Information Technology Parks operating on public-private partnership such as Smart City, Kochi and Private Information Technology/Information Technology Enabled Services Parks falling in class of Information Technology/Information Technology Enabled Services Parks as per Information Technology Department policy definition.

Note:-(2) ‘Developer’ in this rule means an entity that includes both Government or Private institutions that develop Information Technology Park in Kerala and create infrastructure facilities for the development of Information Technology/Information Technology Enabled Services sector in the land under its possession. The land or infrastructure facilities like office spaces can be leased to Information Technology/Information Technology Enabled Services companies by the Developer.



Note:-(3) ‘Guests’ in this rule means the official visitors/guests of the companies functioning in the Information Technology Park who shall have authorisation from the firm concerned.

(b) in sub-rule (9) in the first sentence, for the words, symbol and figures, “and Foreign Liquor-12 Beer retail sale outlet licensees”, the words, symbol, figures and letter, “Foreign Liquor-12 Beer retail sale outlet licensees and Foreign Liquor 4C Information Technology Park Lounge Licensees” shall be substituted.

(2) after FORM F. L. 4A, the following FORM shall be inserted, namely:—

FORM F. L. 4C

[See rule 13 (4C)]

LICENCE FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF POSSESSION AND SALE OF FOREIGN LIQUOR
IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PARKS TO THE STAFFS WORKING IN THE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PARKS AND THE OFFICIAL VISITORS/
GUESTS OF THE COMPANIES FUNCTIONING IN THE INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY PARKS WHO SHALL HAVE AUTHORISATION
FROM THE FIRM CONCERNED IN THE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PARKS
FOR CONSUMPTION OF LIQUOR
IN THE DEMARCATED
PREMISES.

Under the provisions of the Abkari Act, 1 of 1077, and of the rules made thereunder to regulate the issue of licences for the sales of foreign liquor, licence is hereby granted to(full name and address with official designation) for the vend of foreign liquor in the specified building in(here mention the name of the Information Technology Park) situated as shown in the annexed schedule during the year ending the last day of March.....subject to the following conditions and stipulations to be observed by the said Licensees.



CONDITIONS

1. The privilege under this licence extends to the sale of foreign liquor for consumption within a room specifically approved for the purpose only to the staff working in the Information Technology Parks and the official visitors/guests of the companies functioning in the Information Technology Park who shall have authorisation from the authority concerned in the Information Technology Park.

2. This licence may be granted in the name of Developers of the Information Technology Park. Only one licence shall be issued to one Developer.

3. The licensed premises should be a separate area situated inside the Information Technology Park premises other than office space. The licensed room should have an independent entry and exit, other than the normal entry and exit of the connected organization, of which the licensed premises may physically be a part of it.

4. The Licensee shall procure foreign liquor for sale only from the F. L. 9 Licensees in the State:

5. No liquor shall be sold under F. L. 4C licenses for removal outside the permit room.

6. The Licensee is prohibited from rectifying the spirits by purifying, colouring, flavoring or mixing any material therewith.

7. The sales or possession (except subject to the rules applicable to unlicensed person) by the Licensee of any liquor outside the limit of his licensed premises is prohibited.

8. All liquor sold or kept for sale shall be of good quality and unadulterated. Nothing shall be added to them to increase their intoxicating power or for any other purpose.

9. The sale or transport of liquor by persons suffering from leprosy or any contagious disease and the employment of such persons in the shop for the sale of the same are prohibited.

10. The possession or sale upon any licensed premises of any liquor other than to which the licence relates, is prohibited.

11. No drunkenness, rioting or gambling shall be permitted within the premises and no person of notoriously bad character shall be permitted to meet or remain therein. Intimation of



any offence committed or of the presence of habitual offenders or disorderly person, shall be given to the nearest Magistrate or Police Station, by the Licensee.

12. The Licensee shall maintain day to day true accounts of transaction in such registers/digital records as may be fixed from time to time by the Excise Commissioner and shall furnish such information and statistics as may be called for by any officer of the Excise Department not below the rank of a Range Inspector.

13. The Licensee shall not lease out, sell or otherwise transfer his licence without the previous sanction of the Excise Commissioner.

14. If the licence is granted in the course of a financial year full annual fee shall be paid by the Licensee and the licence shall expire at the end of the financial year.

15. No licence under this rule shall be issued to the holder of a licence under the Kerala Rectified Spirit rules, 1972.

16. The Licensee shall on requisition by the Excise Commissioner or any officer duly authorized by him deliver up his licence for amendment or renewal.

17. The Excise Commissioner may upon giving 15 days notice revoke any licence, in which case, a proportionate part of the fee paid by the Licensee shall be refunded to him.

18. All Excise Officers of and above the rank of Excise Inspectors shall have the authority to inspect licensed premises, to examine the licensed premises, to test measures in use and the articles under sale and to call for and check the accounts kept in the premises.

19. The Licensee shall possess or use on the licensed premises, only such standard measures of capacity as may from time to time be fixed by the Government.

20. Infraction of any of the rules or the conditions of the licence either by the Licensee or by any person in his employment shall entail on the Licensee or his agent or both, a fine ₹ 1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh only) or cancellation of the licence or both. An Officer of and above the rank of Deputy Commissioners of Excise shall be competent to impose all or any of the above penalties except the cancellation of the licence which shall be done by the Excise Commissioner:

Provided that, if the holder of such licence or permit or a person in his employment sells or stores for sale, liquor in any premises as shown in the building plan approved by the



Excise Commissioner other than premises permitted for the purpose, such penalty shall not be less than ₹ 1,50,000 (Rupees one lakh fifty thousand only).

21. The imposition of a fine or the cancellation of the licence shall not, however relieve the Licensee or his agent from liability to be prosecuted for any specific offence committed against the Abkari Act (I to 1077) or under these Rules.

22. The minimum strength at which Indian made foreign spirits can be sold are 35° U. P. of Gin and 25° U. P. for all other kind of spirits. However the actual proof spirit content of such liquor may be 5.25° proof under or over the above proof strength in line with the Indian Standard Specification (ISS) in this regard.

23. No. F. L. 4C licensed Information Technology Lounge shall be kept open before 12 noon in the day time and after 12 O'clock at midnight.

24. There shall be no supply of liquor in the Information Technology Lounge license on the following days:

- (i) Birth day of Mahatma Gandhi.
- (ii) Birth day of Sree Narayana Guru.
- (iii) Commemoration day of Mahatma Gandhi.
- (iv) Samadhi day of Sree Nayayana Guru.
- (v) The first day of all English calendar months.
- (vi) Good Friday.
- (vii) International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

(viii) During the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll in connection with general or bye election within the polling area and on the whole day of counting of votes within the polling area.

(ix) During the period of forty-eight hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll in connection with the election or bye election to the Corporation, Municipal Divisions, Wards or Panchayat constituencies within the polling area and on the whole day of counting of votes within the polling area.

25. A sign board of the dimensions 1 metre X ¾ metre shall be fixed to the main front of the licensed building of the Information Technology Lounge License. The Board should have a white background with number, name of the licence and the name of the Licensee written in the black letters. The Board should contain the warning, in English and Malayalam



“ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IS INJURIOUS TO HEALTH-മദ്യപാനം ആരോഗ്യത്തിന് ഹാനികരം” And “ DRUNKEN DRIVING IS PUNISHABLE- മദ്യപിച്ച് വാഹനം ഓടിക്കുന്നത് ശിക്ഷാർഹമാണ് ” Written in red letters, each letter having a dimension of not less than 5 centimetres. The licence must be hung in a conspicuous place within.

26. The Licensee shall be bound by all the relevant rules which have been made under the Abkari Act, as subsequently amended and continue in force and which may hereafter be passed under the Act or under any law relating to abkari revenue, which may hereafter be passed.

27. It shall be competent to the Excise Commissioner to set aside, modify or otherwise revise an order passed by any Excise officer subordinate to him and shall also exercise the powers delegated to its subordinates, if found necessary.

28. When the period of this licence expires and it is not renewed for the next following financial year or when this licence is cancelled and a notice of such cancellation is given to the Licensee, the Licensee shall within 30 days from the date of expiry of the period of this licence or from the date of receipt such notice, as the case may be, sell the full stock of foreign liquor in his possession to any vendor who holds a licence to sell such liquor. Should the Licensee failed to do so within the prescribed limit, the Excise Inspector of the range within which the licensed premises situate, will take such foreign liquor in custody and keep the same in his office. The Licensee shall be allowed a further period of 30 days for selling the same in one transaction to another licensed vendor of foreign liquor. If, before the expiry of this further period the Licensee fails to sell it, the officer in charge of the division shall sell such foreign liquor by public auction and deliver to the Licensee the proceeds thereof after deducting from such proceeds the expense connected with the sale.

SCHEDULE SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LICENSED PREMISES

<i>Taluk, Village, Muri, Survey No., Door No. etc</i>	<i>Bounded on the North by</i>	<i>Bounded on the East by</i>	<i>Bounded on the South by</i>	<i>Bounded on the West by</i>



SCHEDULE SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PERMIT ROOM

<i>Bounded on the North by</i>	<i>Bounded on the East by</i>	<i>Bounded on the South by</i>	<i>Bounded on the West by</i>

SCHEDULE SHOWING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LIQUOR STORE ROOM

<i>Bounded on the North by</i>	<i>Bounded on the East by</i>	<i>Bounded on the South by</i>	<i>Bounded on the West by</i>

Dated on the.....day of20.....

Excise Commissioner

By Order of the Governor,

DR. A. JAYATHILAK,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

The Government have decided to accord sanction to the Government controlled/owned Information Technology Parks such as Techno Park, Info Park, Cyber Park, Information Technology Parks operating on public-private partnership such as Smart City, Kochi an Private Information Technology/ Information Technology Enabled Services Parks falling in class of Information Technology/Information Technology Enabled Services Parks as per Information Technology Department policy definition for possessing and vending foreign liquor subject to certain restrictions. In order to implement the said decision of Government, Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 have to be amended. Hence, the Government have decided to amend the said rules suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

